



**Residential Design Compatibility Commission  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Residential Design Compatibility Commission convened in a regular meeting on April 2nd, 2014, City Hall, Boards and Commission Room, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

William Burkhardt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** William Burkhardt, Karen McGraw, Keith Jackson, and Missy Bledsoe (Commissioners Lucy Katz, Mary Ingle, & Chuck Mains ABSENT)

**City Staff:** Daniel Word

**B. RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS**

**B-1 2014-009479PR Kelly and Stan Martin  
1104 Lorrain Street**

**MODIFICATION REQUESTED:** The applicant has requested a modification to allow an increase to the maximum gross floor area permitted in Chapter 25-2 of the Land Development Code, Section 2.1 Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards to construct an attached accessory apartment to the rear of an existing single family residence in a SF-3-NP zoning district.

**COMMISSION'S DECISION: Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to APPROVE. Commissioner Keith Jackson second. APPROVE 4-0 WITH CONDITION THAT WAIVER IS SPECIFIC TO DRAWINGS DATED MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> PRESENTED AT MEETING.**

**B-2 2014-009450PR Chris Gannon for Kelly Chappell  
1515 Madison Avenue**

**MODIFICATION REQUESTED:** The applicant has requested a modification to allow an increase to the maximum gross floor area permitted in Chapter 25-2 of the Land Development Code, Section 2.1 Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards for the construction of an addition to an existing single-family residence to expand the residence and accommodate a home occupation in a SF-3-NP zoning district.

**COMMISSION'S DECISION: Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to POSTPONE. Commissioner Keith Jackson second. POSTPONE 4-0 TO NEXT MEETING**

**C DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**C-1 Discussion of potential for dissolution of the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (RDCC).**

Commissioner McGraw drew notice to the low caseload, highlighted benefits of working closely with staff, and suggested converting the role of the commission to a focus on Neighborhood Compatibility. Commissioner Burkhardt concurred and noted the commission will continue the pursuit. Item will remain on agenda and change context to the mission of the RDCC. RDCC requested a CodeNEXT representative speak to the commission and staff will make the request.

**C-2 Current rewrite of the LDC (land development code)**

Commissioner McGraw discussed continuing a running list of potential modifications to Subchapter F. Commissioner Burkhardt noted the need to discuss the FAR calculation and methods to ensure its continued existence as a tool in the code.

**D APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**D-1 March 5, 2014**

**COMMISSION'S DECISION: The public hearing closed on Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to APPROVE. FAILURE TO ACHIEVE QUAROM - POSTPONE APPROVAL TO NEXT MEETING.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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